



APPENDIX OF CLAIMS

1. A method for processing sheet material, in particular papers of value such as bank notes, checks, etc., by which different groups of sheet material are processed successively, comprising the following method steps:

- separating the different groups of sheet material, and
- processing the separate groups of sheet material, wherein
- a separating means (*TK*) is used for separating the different groups of sheet material, and
- at least one information means (*IK*) is used for processing the different groups of sheet material.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the information means (*IK*) is/are inserted at any points within the different groups of sheet material.

3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the separating means (*TK*) is inserted at the beginning of each different group of sheet material, and the information means (*IK*) is inserted at the end of each different group of sheet material.

4. A method according to claim 1 or 3, wherein subgroups of sheet material are formed by using a plurality of information means (*IK*) within a group of sheet material.

5(Amended). A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 or 3, wherein the separating means (*TK*) and the information means (*IK*) are brought together with the groups of sheet material at different places.

6(Amended). A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 or 3, wherein a deliverer of one or more groups of sheet material provides the information means (*IK*) with information.

7. Means for separating and processing different groups of sheet material, in particular papers of value such as bank notes, checks, etc., for separate processing of the sheet material of the different groups, wherein at least one separating means (TK) and at least one information means (IK) are provided for each group of sheet material.

8. Means for separating different groups of sheet material according to claim 7, wherein the separating means (TK) and/or the information means (IK) are coded.

9. Means for separating different groups of sheet material according to claim 8, wherein the coding of the separating means (TK) and/or the information means (IK) comprise a magnetic and/or optical and/or electric and/or electronic coding.

10(Amended). Means for separating different groups of sheet material according to one of claims 7 to 9, wherein the information means (IK) is/are formed by part of the sheet material.

11(New). A method according to claim 4, wherein the separating means (TK) and the information means (IK) are brought together with the groups of sheet material at different places.

12(New). A method according to claim 4, wherein a deliverer of one or more groups of sheet material provides the information means (IK) with information.

13(New). A method according to claim 5, wherein a deliverer of one or more groups of sheet material provides the information means (IK) with information.



APPENDIX OF MARKED-UP CLAIMS

5(Amended). A method according to any one of claims 1 [to 4], 2 or 3, wherein the separating means (*TK*) and the information means (*IK*) are brought together with the groups of sheet material at different places.

6(Amended). A method according to any one of claims 1 [to 5], 2 or 3, wherein a deliverer of one or more groups of sheet material provides the information means (*IK*) with information.

10(Amended). Means for separating different groups of sheet material according to [any] one of claims 7 to 9, wherein the information means (*IK*) is/are formed by part of the sheet material.

11(New). A method according to claim 4, wherein the separating means (*TK*) and the information means (*IK*) are brought together with the groups of sheet material at different places.

12(New). A method according to claim 4, wherein a deliverer of one or more groups of sheet material provides the information means (*IK*) with information.

13(New). A method according to claim 5, wherein a deliverer of one or more groups of sheet material provides the information means (*IK*) with information.